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DD and Radio Centres
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the location and centre-wise total number of Doordarshan and Radio Centres functioning in the country;
(b) the location-wise, DD-wise and Radio Centre-wise details of upgradation and modernisation works undertaken in various Doordarshan and Radio Centres during the last three years and the current year;
(c) the location-wise, Doordarshan and Radio Centre-wise details of the places not yet covered under the services of Doordarshan and Radio Centres in the country and the reasons therefor; and
(d) the effective steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
{COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE(Retd.)}

(a) & (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that as far as All India Radio(AIR) is concerned, as on date 421 Radio Broadcasting Centres are functioning in the country. Location and centre-wise details including up-gradation and modernization works undertaken at various Radio Centres during the last three years and current year are given at Annexure-I.

As regards Doordarshan, at present there are 67 Doordarshan Kendras (Studio centres) and 1411 TV transmitters in Doordarshan network located in various parts of the country. State/UT-wise and location-wise list of these centres is given at Annexure-II. Details of upgradation and modernization works undertaken in various Doordarshan centres during the last three years are given at Annexure-III. Location-wise details of major upgradation & modernization projects of Doordarshan which are currently at various stages of implementation are given at Annexure-IV.
(c) & (d) The present installed coverage capacity of AIR is about 92 % of the area and about 99 % of the total population of the country. The present installed coverage capacity of AIR FM is about 38 % by area and about 51 % by population of the country. Some of the areas including hilly areas of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh & NE Regions are still uncovered by terrestrial AIR services. State-wise details of such uncovered areas by AIR service are given at Annexure-V.

It is pertinent to mention that 32 channels of All India Radio are available on Doordarshan's DTH platform (DD Free Dish), which can be received by using DD freedish set top Box throughout the country including uncovered areas. In addition to this, 13 popular channels of All India Radio can also be received through internet by browsing AIR's website <allindiaradio.gov.in> and by downloading suitable apps on iOS/ Android/ Windows based mobile phones.

Following steps are proposed by AIR for strengthening & restoring AIR coverage in the country:

1. Replacement of 6 nos. of old High Power MW transmitters by new state of art technology MW transmitter providing coverage in LWE affected areas.

2. Setting up of FM transmitters at 213 new locations across the country including 100 W FM Relay transmitters (152 nos.) for localized coverage.

3. Replacement/ upgradation of 77 nos. of old FM transmitters by new FM transmitters.

4. Provision for providing 8 more channel on Doordarshan's DTH platform (DD Free Dish).

5. Provision of Live streaming of 7 additional AIR channels on Internet Platform.

AIR is in the process of expanding up 100 % FM coverage across the country for which large amount of funds, other resources and skilled manpower would be required. Therefore, AIR is planning to set up FM transmitter at new locations in phased manner under forthcoming schemes depending on availability of resources like fund, manpower, land etc.

As regards Doordarshan, multi channel TV coverage of Doordarshan reaches all the areas of the country through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service. It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country with the help of a small sized dish receive unit.

In terrestrial mode, TV coverage is estimated to be available to about 92% of population spread over 81% area of the country. In view of multi channel coverage having been provided to all the areas uncovered by terrestrial transmission along with rest of the country, through Doordarshan's free-to-air DTH service, new transmitters for expansion of terrestrial coverage are now not envisaged except a few in border areas.
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